



Drought Information Statement for North and Central Georgia

Valid June 25, 2026

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Continued Drought Improvement Following Continued Soaking Rains

- **Improvements Continue:** Significant rainfall over the last several weeks has led to continued widespread drought improvement, with all of North and Central Georgia out of D3-D4 drought.
- **Future Conditions:** While significant improvements have been made, rapid degradation may still be possible in any brief dry spells.





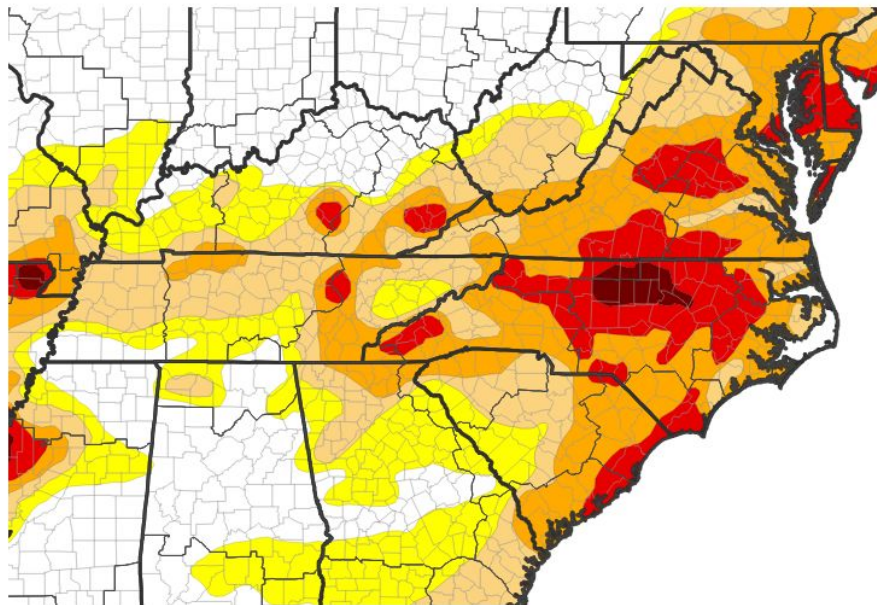
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for North and Central Georgia

Drought intensity and Extent:

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None.
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** None.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Catoosa, Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Hall, Lumpkin, Murray, Towns, Union, White, Whitfield
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Banks, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, DeKalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Haralson, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Toombs, Walker
- **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Barrow, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Clarke, Clayton, Crawford, Crisp, Dodge, Dooly, Emanuel, Fayette, Floyd, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Harris, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Macon, Madison, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Rockdale, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Telfair, Treutlen, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, Walton, Warren, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkes, Wilkinson

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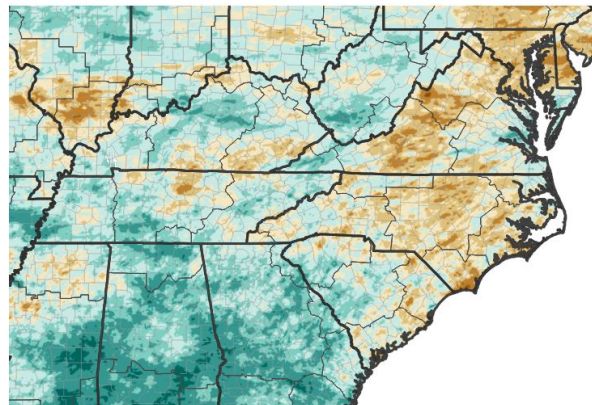
Precipitation - Past 30 Days

National Water Prediction Service link to the [30-day precipitation map](#) for North and Central Georgia

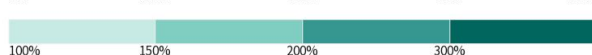
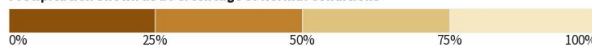
Through Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 8AM:

	Last 30 Days		Last 60 Days	
	Rainfall (inches)	%Normal	Rainfall (inches)	%Normal
Rome (KRMG)	7.93	220%	12.10	154%
Athens (KAHN)	8.51	234%	10.83	156%
Peachtree-DeKalb (KPDK)	3.79	97%	7.22	94%
Fulton County (KFTY)	4.99	145%	8.35	119%
Atlanta (KATL)	4.75	129%	7.21	99%
Peachtree City (KFFC)	5.99	168%	10.13	146%
Macon (KMCN)	4.41	143%	8.73	143%
Columbus (KCSG)	6.21	182%	13.40	190%

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



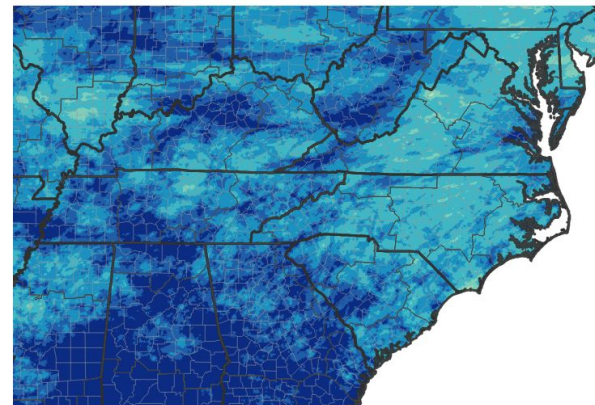
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



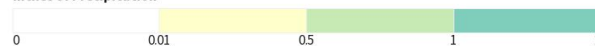
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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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The continued active pattern brought numerous rainfall events over the last 14-days, including some tropical moisture. In some cases, rainfall well exceeded the 30-day normal, resulting in flash flooding.

Rainfall over the last 30-days ranged from 4 to 9 inches (up to 250% of normal) across north and central Georgia. This rainfall was enough to hold the 60-day rainfall to within -6% to nearly 200% of normal. [Rainfall deficits since Jan 1st](#) show a stark difference from those generally along and north of I20 to those south of I20. Areas of north Georgia remain 5 to 10 inches below normal, while southern areas are generally within 2 inches to as much as 5+ inches above normal (though coverage is spotty due to the convective nature of recent precipitation).

The Additional Rainfall Information [product](#) (MISATL) is available online at weather.gov/ffc.



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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [2-week](#) and [4-week](#) change map for Georgia.

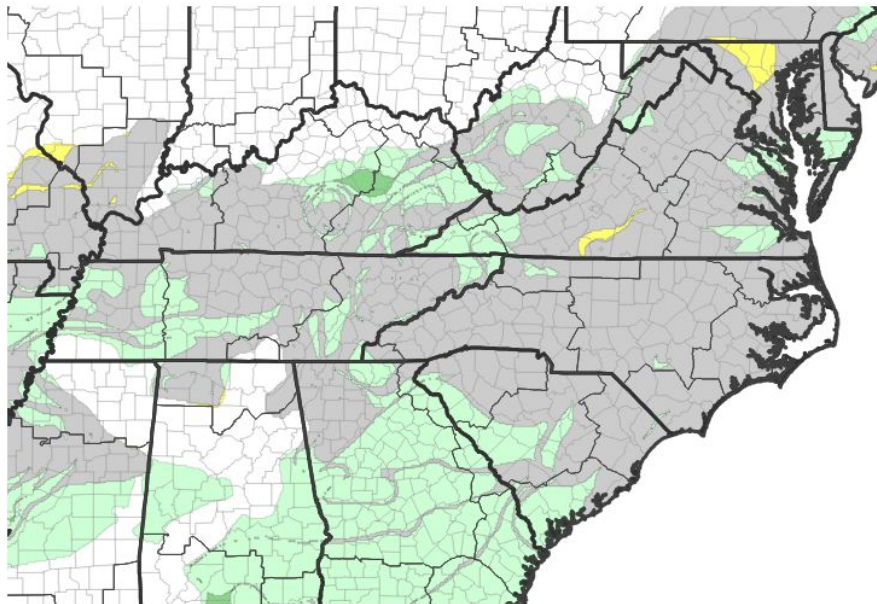
Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

(image not shown)

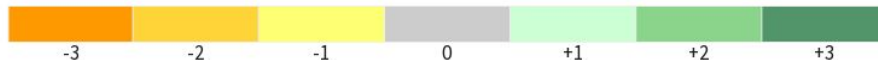
- **Drought Worsened:** None.
- **No Change:** None.
- **Drought Improved:** Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Dodge, Dooly, Douglas, Emanuel, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Glascock, Gordon, Greene, Gwinnett, Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Lumpkin, Macon, Madison, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Murray, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Rockdale, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Telfair, Toombs, Towns, Treutlen, Troup, Twiggs, Union, Upson, Walker, Walton, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wheeler, White, Whitfield, Wilcox, Wilkes, Wilkinson

The 4-week change map is available [here](#).
The 1-week change map is shown right.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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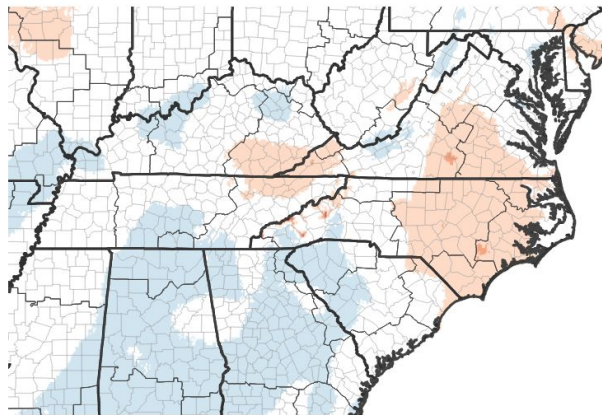


Temperatures - Past 30-, 7-Days

	Last 30 Days (ending Jun 07)	
	Average High (Departure)	Average Low (Departure)
Rome (KRMG)	82.2° (-1.3°)	61.0° (+0.6°)
Athens (KAHN)	84.0° (+0.3°)	61.3° (+0.2°)
Peachtree-DeKalb (KPDK)	82.1° (-0.4°)	61.6° (+0.0°)
Fulton County (KFTY)	82.3° (-0.5°)	60.9° (-0.4°)
Atlanta (KATL)	83.3° (+1.1°)	65.4° (+1.7°)
Peachtree City (KFFC)	82.3° (-0.8°)	61.0° (+1.6°)
Macon (KMCN)	85.4° (-1.3°)	61.5° (-0.4°)
Columbus (KCSG)	85.1° (-0.9°)	65.5° (+0.3°)

**Note, the table values are for the 30-day period ending on the date at the top of the table. This period matches the latency for the 30-day and 7-day max temperature anomaly images (right).*

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



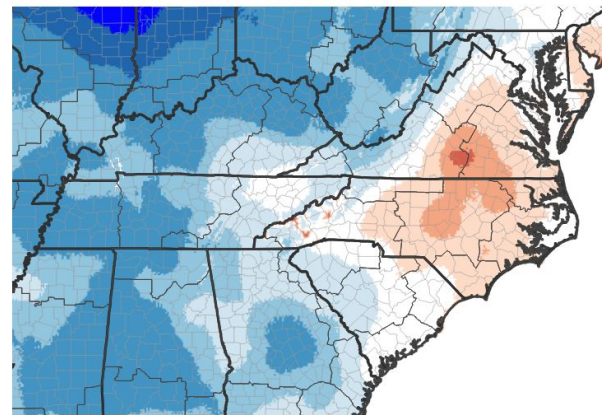
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 06/21/26

For the 30-day period ending June 21st, average high temperatures were near to slightly below normal (+/-1.5 degrees) over most of north and central Georgia (image center, table). The more active weather pattern, high amounts of cloud coverage, and precipitation produced temperatures -1 to -5 degrees below normal (image right) in the 7 day period ending June 7th.





Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows have, for the most part, held onto their recover with recent rainfall, though the corridor of less rainfall through the North Georgia headwaters are still impacting flow. Warming temperatures may lead to higher demand on water sources and high evapotranspiration could see a quick return of stress on water supplies and soil moisture. See slide 7 for additional details.

Agricultural Impacts

- Reports of significant agricultural impact have slowed further over the last 7 to 30 days.
- The [Crop Progress & Condition](#) charts shows improvement for all indicated crop types. All indicated crops are now within or above -5% of the lowest “Good + Excellent” Percentile from the last 4 years. the greatest improvements have been with the expansion of “Fair to Good” for Corn, Pasture and Range, and Peanuts. See slide 8 for additional details on soil moistures.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Rainfall and improved fuel moistures have permitted NWS and fire partners to return to normal thresholds for NWS fire-related products. Burn bans (summer or otherwise) remain in place in many municipalities. See slide 9 for more details.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information. Many areas have summer burn bans in place. Refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation or water use restriction information.



CMOR report photo from Jones County, 5/04/2026.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

See the USGS 120-day streamflow map [here](#).

Main Takeaways

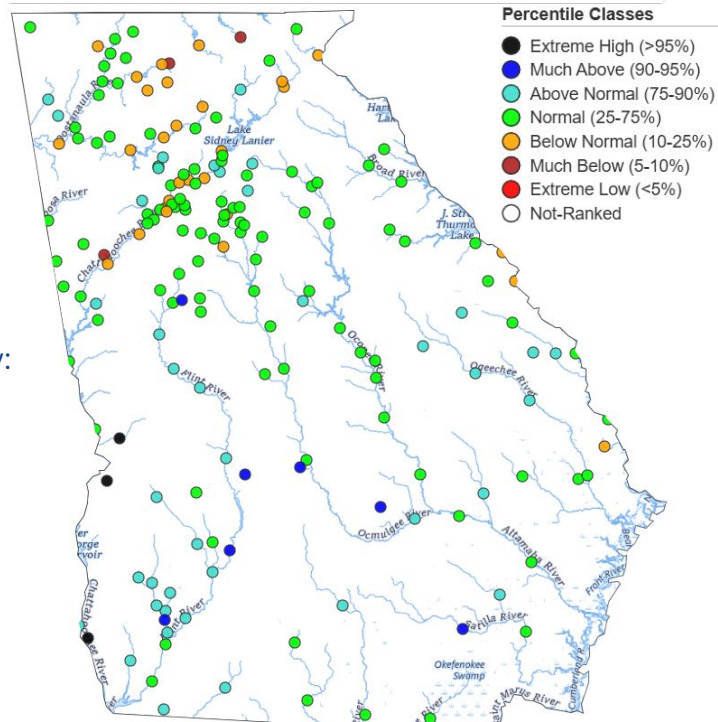
- Recent rainfall has produced rises on area creeks and rivers, and the 28-day average streamflow is generally near Normal for all but the headwater basins of North Georgia which remain Below Normal to Much Below Normal. Rural creeks and streams in central Georgia have seen marketable improvements.
- With the recent rainfall, [Lake and Reservoir](#) levels have held fairly stable, with many reservoirs near or above seasonal normals. The available [elevation curves](#) for USACE projects in the NWS Peachtree City area show:

	USACE Lakes	
	Current Action Zone	Forecast Action Zone
Carters	Top of Conservation	Zone 1
Lanier	Zone 2	Zone 2
Allatoona	Top of Conservation	Zone 1
West Point	Top of Conservation	Top of Conservation

*Action zones used in some charts are defined [here](#).

USGS Streamflow Anomaly - 28-Day Average

For June 24, 2026



Disclaimer: Following the decommissioning of USGS WaterWatch, historical maps are no longer available. The above image was generated using USGS streamflow data, and the streamflow anomaly data presented here are provisional.



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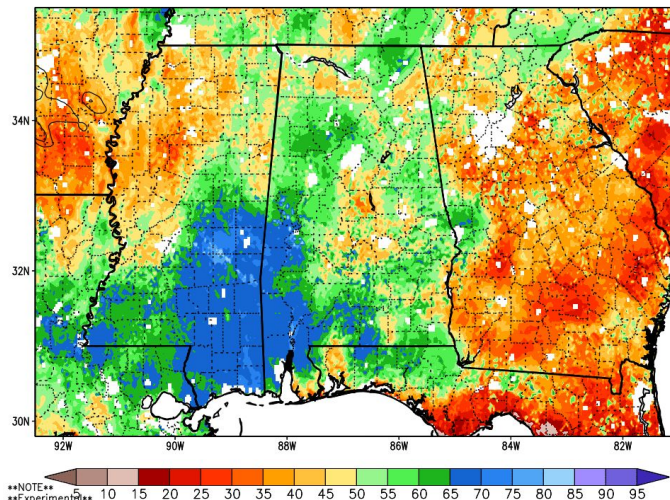


Agricultural Impacts

- The relative soil moisture (image right) graphic shows the level of saturation in the top 6 feet of the soil relative to the total capacity of the soil.
- Even with the recent rainfall, the deep soil profile across the majority of Georgia is still only at 25 to 50% of its total capacity, (Though areas near Columbus have reached over 60%)
- North Georgia soils remain near 50% but 2-week differences in the relative soil moisture show a drying trend.

Column—Integrated Relative Soil Moisture (available water; %) valid 12z 25 Jun 2026

Precipitation in previous hour (1,2,5,10,15,20,25 mm contours)



2-Week Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 25 Jun 2026

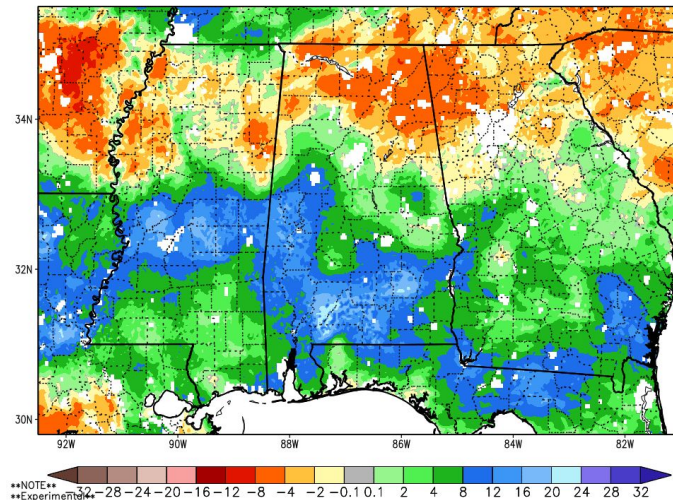


Image Captions:

Left: 0-200cm Relative Soil Moisture from [NASA SPoRT](#). Valid dates listed at top of image.

Right: 0-200 cm Relative Soil Moisture 2-week Change from [NASA SPoRT](#). Valid dates listed at top of image.



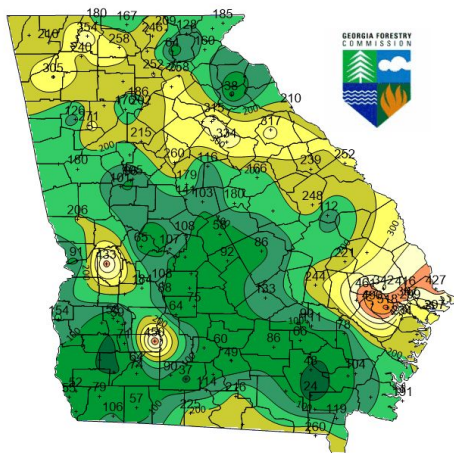


Fire Hazard Impacts

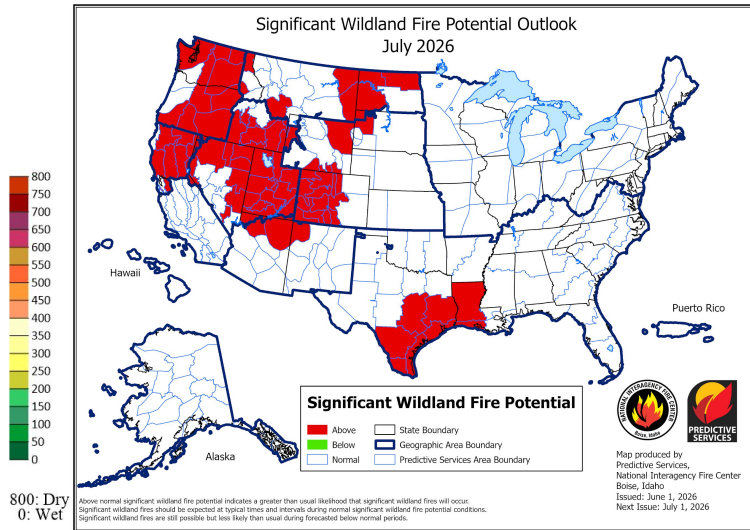
Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values](#) (KDBI) over north and central Georgia are generally <50-250 in most locations, given the recent rainfall. KDBI provides an estimate of dryness of soils and surface fuels)
- At this time, near normal wildland fire potential is expected for southeast portions of Georgia for July, as indicated in the Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook (far right). However, any summer dry-spells may see quick development of wildland fire potential.
- The [Wildfire Potential Outlook](#) (table) indicates **Little to No Risk** (level 1 of 4) for all of north and central Georgia through Wednesday.

**Map of KDBI
at June 24, 2026 1300 EST**



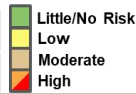
Georgia Automated Environmental Monitoring Network provided 75% of the stations in the map.
[Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) for June 25, 2026.



[Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for July 2026.

Wildfire Potential Outlook

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
L/N	L/N	L/N	L/N	L/N	L/N



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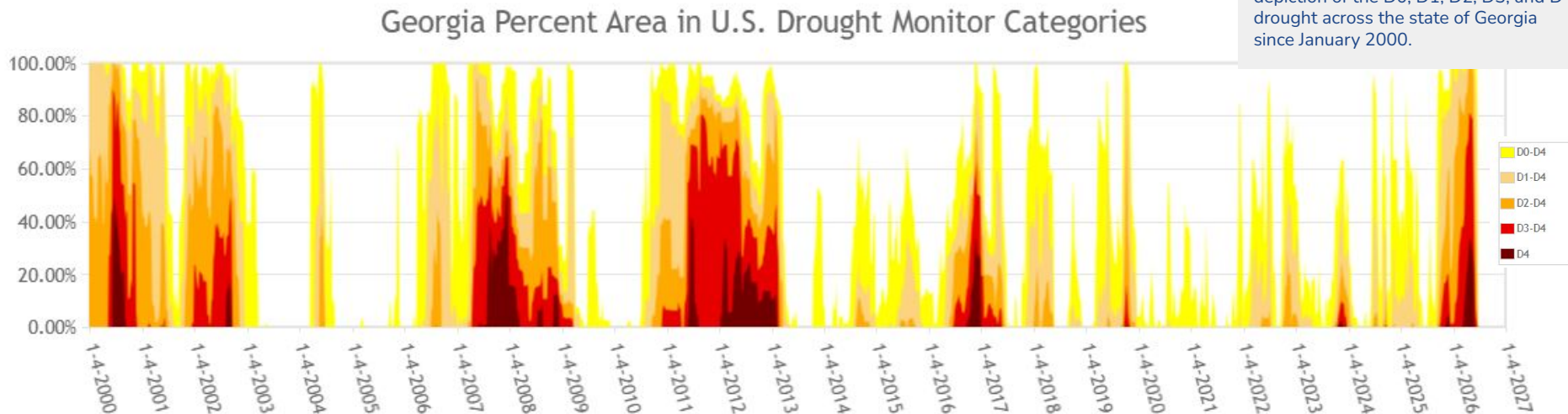
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Drought: Historical Context

Link to [Drought Monitor Time Series](#)

The time series is courtesy of the [US Drought Monitor](#). This graph shows the depiction of the D0, D1, D2, D3, and D4 drought across the state of Georgia since January 2000.



For the Drought Event beginning in September 2025, for the entire state of Georgia:

First D2 (Severe) Drought in
Georgia:

Sep 23, 2025

Maximum drought category
so far:

D4 (Exceptional)
April 28, 2026 (33.3%)

Current D2-D4 coverage in
Georgia:

5.4% of GA
TODAY

Largest D2-D4 coverage in
Georgia*:

100.0% of GA
April 28, 2026

**for this drought period*

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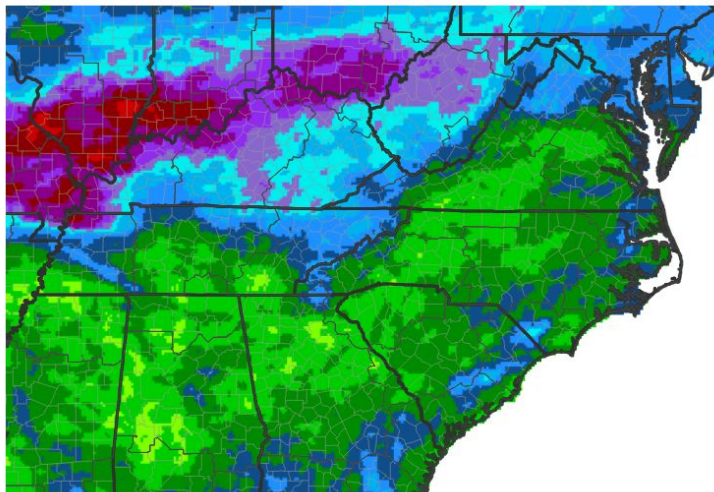


Precipitation Outlook

The 7-day outlook (through June 18th, pictured right):

- Rainfall amounts of <1 inch forecast for the next 7-days.
- Patchy rainfall coverage may lead to localized degradation.,
- The [8-14 day outlook](#) (June 18-24, image far) shows near normal conditions expected.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 25, 2026–July 2, 2026



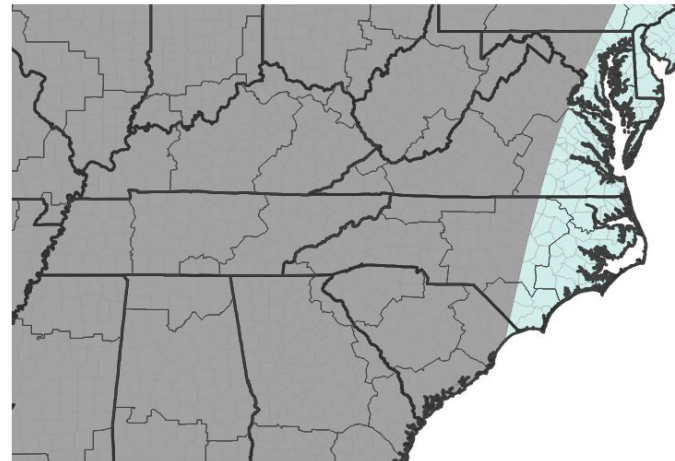
Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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8–14 Day Precipitation Outlook for July 2, 2026–July 8, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



■ Near-Normal Conditions

Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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*Above normal conditions necessary for continued drought improvement in far North Georgia.



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Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

For July through September:

- Near normal precipitation is likely across north and central Georgia (image right).
- Chances lean towards slightly above normal temperatures over Georgia (far right).

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



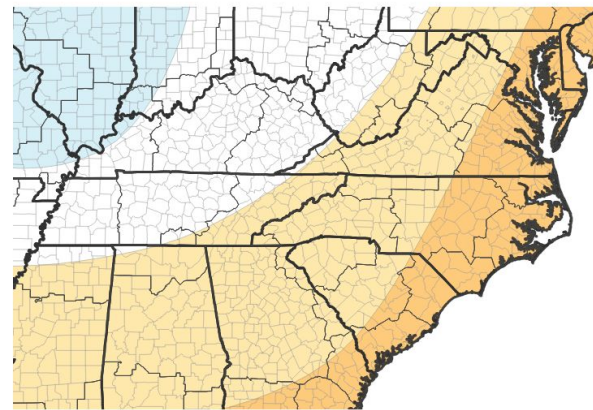
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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	June		July		August	
Average	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain	Temp	Rain
Rome	76.9°	3.80"	80.2°	3.74"	79.5°	3.77"
Athens Area	77.7°	4.88"	81.0°	4.20"	79.8°	4.55"
Atlanta Area	77.9°	4.54"	80.9°	4.75"	80.2°	4.30"
Peachtree City	77.5°	4.45"	80.8°	4.84"	79.8°	3.96"
Macon Area	79.5°	4.44"	82.5°	4.79"	81.4°	4.38"
Columbus Area	80.4°	4.03"	83.2°	4.35"	82.4°	4.68"



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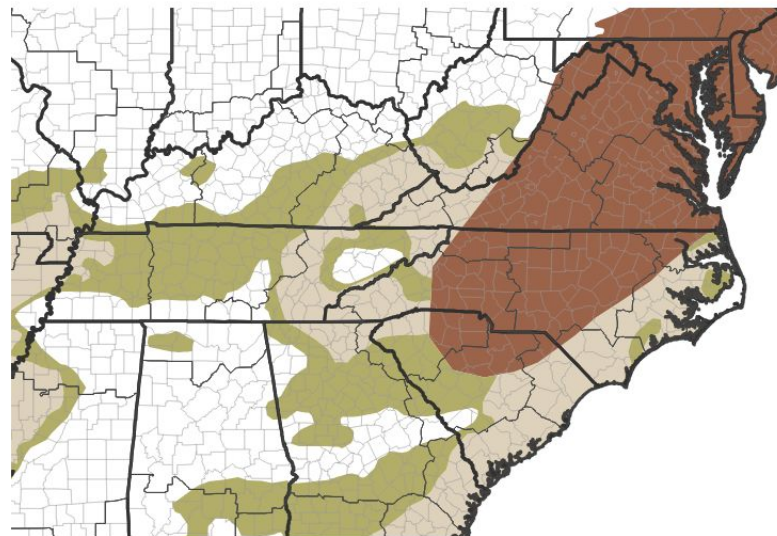


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- Drought is expected to end across much of the state with further improvement for far north Georgia.
- Patchy rainfall conditions may lead to localized drought impacts which may not be representative of the majority of locations..
- Drought Information Statements will be updated every two weeks while D2 Severe Drought (or worse) continues in north and central Georgia.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18, 2026–September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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